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ABSTRACT

A selected listing of public agencies involved with exceptional children is presented. Approximately 90 agencies are included. Abstracts are provided for each entry, with an organization described in terms of its purpose, membership requirements, publications, sponsorship of conferences, and affiliation with local chapters, where applicable. (For a companion guide, see ED 054 582.) (CB)

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The CEC Information Center acts as a dissemination and referral center for information requests from professional and nonprofessional personnel in the areas of special education. In providing this service the Center has found that a great need exists for a current annotated directory of public and private organizations in this field. Therefore this annotated listing of agencies whose services relate to exceptional children has been compiled. Each organization is described in terms of its purpose, membership requirements, publications, sponsorship of conferences, and affiliation with local chapters. Although this listing is not to be considered complete, it is hoped that it will serve as a useful resource in helping educators and parents obtain needed information and service. A companion publication, *A Selected Guide to Government Agencies Concerned with Exceptional Children,* is available from the Special Education IMC/RMC Network, 1411 South Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 928, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

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ACTION for Brain-Handicapped Children, 300 Wilder Bldg., St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. (612) 226-4261

The organization is a non-profit, tax deductible clearinghouse for information about brain handicap, actively communicating up-to-date advances and research to the public and medical and educational professions. Services include a monthly information bulletin (EXPECTATIONS), seminars and workshops.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Inc., 3417 Volta Place, Washington, D. C. 20007. (202) 337-5220

The Association works to promote the teaching of speech and lipreading and the use of residual hearing to the hearing impaired, and offers information services on hearing impairment. Membership is open to interested persons for $12.50 a year. The official journal of the Association is THE VOLTA REVIEW (9 issues yearly). Numerous books and pamphlets (some free) are published, as well as a newsletter, Speaking Out, and World Traveler (12 issues yearly). Biennial meetings are held in even numbered years; regional meetings in odd numbered years.

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, University Hospital School, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. (319) 353-4825

AACP is a professional organization of physicians and Ph.D.'s in 19 different specialities, striving to foster and stimulate professional education, research, and interest in cerebral palsy and related disorders, and to correlate all aspects of this endeavor for the welfare of those with the handicap. The official publication is the JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE AND CHILD NEUROLOGY. An annual meeting is held in December.

American Academy of Pediatrics, 1801 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60204. (312) 869-4255

A national organization of specialty board certified pediatricians in the United States, Canada, and Latin America, the American Academy of Pediatrics fosters and stimulates interest in pediatrics and correlates all aspects of the work for the welfare of children which come within the scope of pediatrics. Membership is limited to specialty board certified pediatricians and other certified physicians (affiliate members). State chapters have been established in all 50 states and in nearly all countries in Latin America. Canadian members belong to proximal state chapters in the U.S. The Academy sponsors an annual national meeting, an annual regional meeting, postgraduate courses, and regional conferences. Publications are the monthly journal, PEDIATRICS, and a bimonthly newletter.

American Association for Gifted Children, 15 Gramercy Park, New York, New York 10003.

The stated purpose of the Association is to help find gifted children, help them use their abilities for their own satisfaction and benefit of others and to maintain status with their age group, and to assist all children in worthwhile use of their constructive abilities by recognizing, appreciating, and stimulating creative work among gifted children. An annual convention is held.

American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, 1201 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 833-5541

A national organization to support, encourage, and provide guidance for personnel who are developing and conducting school and community programs in health education, physical education, and recreation, AAHPER includes professional, student, and associate members. Periodical publications are the JOURNAL OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND RECREATION (which includes a monthly column, Programs for the Handicapped), the RESEARCH QUARTERLY, and Update, a monthly publication dealing with current issues in the field. Other publications are also issued. AAHPER includes six district associations and state associations. National, district, and state association conventions are held annually in addition to numerous national, district, and local conferences dealing with specific topics. One unit of AAHPER is Programs for the Handicapped which is designed to provide leadership preparation, research, interpretation and development of programs, and distribution of materials for all areas of adapted physical education, corrective therapy, recreation for the ill and handicapped, therapeutic recreation, and health and safety problems of the handicapped.

American Association for Rehabilitation Therapy, P. O. Box 93, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116. (501) 835-3573

The organization promotes the use of curative and technical models within approved medical concepts, establishes standards of education and training, and supports research. AART is open to medical rehabilitation therapists and others interested in rehabilitation of the mentally and physically disabled. Publications include AMERICAN ARCHIVES OF REHABILITATION THERAPY (quarterly) and REHABILITATION THERAPY BULLETIN (quarterly). An annual convention is held in addition to meetings of the 12 local chapters.

American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children, 250 W. 57th St., Rm. 1032, Fisk Bldg., New York, New York 10019.

The purposes of this Association are to provide for the coordination of the activities of psychiatric services serving children in the U.S., its territories, and Canada; to help maintain the highest possible standards of clinic practice; to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, and for mutual help in the study and solution of clinic problems; to promote the training of clinic personnel; to cooperate with appropriate groups or organizations doing professional placement work in the clinic field; to cooperate with appropriate organizations throughout the world whose purposes may coincide with those of the Association; and to carry on such activities as may advance the field of child psychiatry. Membership is limited to clinics and other organizations offering psychiatric services to children and meeting specific membership requirements. Annual meetings are conducted in March and November. A Membership Directory is published annually, a newsletter quarterly.

American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc., 1511 K St., N. W., Suite 637, Washington, D. C. 20005. (202) 347-1559

The American Association of Workers for the Blind strives to promote the prevention of blindness and supports all phases of work for and in the interest of the blind. Membership ($15 regular, $5.00 student) is open to both agencies and individuals interested in the welfare of the visually handicapped or in the prevention of blindness. State and local chapters exist throughout the country. Periodical publications are BLINDNESS (annually), annual convention proceedings, and the newsletter, News and Views. In addition, pertinent papers and professional handbooks are published. Meetings include biennial conventions, annual state chapter conventions, and other institutes and workshops.

American Association on Mental Deficiency, 5201 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20015. (202) 244-8143

The organization works to promote human progress and the general welfare of mentally subnormal and deficient persons by furthering the creation and dissemination of knowledge of mental deficiency, by facilitating cooperation among professional persons engaged in work in the field of mental deficiency and allied fields, and by encouraging the highest standards of treatment of the mentally deficient. There are several membership classifications for both experienced professionals and other interested persons. Dues range from $8 to $25 according to membership classification. Periodical publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MENTAL DEFICIENCY and MENTAL RETARDATION (both bimonthly). In addition, books and monographs are published. An annual national convention and 10 annual regional conventions are held.

American Foundation for the Blind, 15 W. 16th St., New York, New York 10011.

The American Foundation for the Blind is a private, nonprofit agency

which serves as a clearinghouse on all pertinent information about blindness and promotes the development of educational, rehabilitation, and social welfare services for the blind and deaf blind children and adults. Services include publications in print, large type, recorded, and braille forms (limited), manufacture and sale of special aids and appliances for use by blind people, and recordings and manufacture of talking books. Additional services are field consultation, research, legislative consultation and action, public education, operation of a special library, fostering of improved programs, service information and referral, and processing and distribution of identification cards for one-fare travel concession for blind persons. Several periodical publications are issued including AFB Newsletter (quarterly, free), NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE BLIND (monthly, ink, braille, recorded), and Talking Book Topics (six times a year, free to blind persons). Numerous professional and public information books and pamphlets are published (some free). Institutes and conferences are held.

American Heart Association, Inc., 44 E. 23rd St., New York, New York 10010. (212) 477-9170

Through programs of research, public and professional education, and community services, the American Heart Association, Inc., works to reduce premature death and disability caused by cardiovascular diseases. Membership is open to interested persons. Dues range from $2 to $5 annually. Periodical publications are AMERICAN HEART (quarterly), Heart Research Newsletter (quarterly), HEART IN INDUSTRY (quarterly), CIRCULATION (monthly), CIRCULATION RESEARCH (monthly), CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING (quarterly), and STROKE--A JOURNAL OF CEREBRAL CIRCULATION (bimonthly). affiliated Heart Associations exist throughout the United States. Annual scientific sessions, an annual meeting, and various local conferences on cardiovascular diseases are held.

American Nurses' Association, Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N. Y. 10019. (212) 582-7230

The ANA is a national professional organization which works to foster high standards of nursing practice and promote the welfare and professional and educational advancement of nurses for better nursing care. Five divisions are responsible for advancing the standards, knowledge, and skills in specific areas of nursing practice. Membership is open to registered nurses. Dues are $25.00 a year. Publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING (monthly), THE AMERICAN NURSE (bimonthly membership publication), and monographs. The Association has 53 state and territorial associations and holds a biennial conference in even numbered years.

American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., 251 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010.

Designed to promote and improve the practice of occupational therapy, the Association accepts members who have a degree in occupational therapy and who have passed the registration examination of the Association. Dues are $30 annually. THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (bimonthly) and other periodicals and publications are issued. Conferences are held annually. Affiliations exist with regional or state occupational therapy associations.

American Orthopsychiatric Association, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York, New York 10019.

The Association works to unite and provide a common meeting ground for those engaged in the study and treatment of problems of human behavior and to foster research and spread information concerning scientific work in the field of human behavior, including all forms of abnormal behavior. Membership ($35 for members, $45 for fellows) is limited to those who have worked 3 years in the field, meet the requirements of the professional organization in their discipline, and have obtained the masters degree. Publications include the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ORTHOPSYCHIATRY (5 issues yearly), the Association newsletter, and individual books. An annual scientific meeting is held.

American Physical Therapy Association, 1156 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. (202) 466-2070

The organization fosters the development and improvement of physical therapy service and education through the coordinated action of physical therapists, allied professional groups, citizens, agencies, and schools to meet the physical therapy needs of people. Several types of professional and nonprofessional membership are available. Local chapters work with the national organization. Publications include the monthly periodical PHYSICAL THERAPY, a bimonthly newsletter, monographs and other professional publications, career literature, and visual aids for rental or purchase. The Association holds an annual conference and periodic symposia.

American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206. (502) 895-2405

Operating under an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress to promote the education of the blind, the Printing House is a nonprofit publisher of literature for the blind and partially seeing. Braille books, braille music, large type textbooks, talking books, recorded educational tapes, and tangible and educational aids for the blind are produced.

American Psychiatric Association, 1700 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009. (202) 232-7878

Purposes of the Association are to further the study of the nature, treatment, and prevention of mental disorders, to promote mental health and the care of the mentally ill, to advance standards for mental hospitals and facilities, and to make psychiatric knowledge available. Membership is open to physicians with some specialized training and experience in psychiatry; dues range from $20 to $100. The Association includes district branches. Publications include THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY (monthly), Psychiatric News (bimonthly newsletter), HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY (monthly), special books and pamphlets, reference works, and research reports. The Association holds an annual meeting and an annual mental hospital institute in addition to divisional meetings and regional research conferences.

American Psychological Association, 1200 17th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 833-7600

The purpose of the American Psychological Association is to advance psychology as a science and as a means of promoting human welfare. Membership is open to professionals who have met specific requirements of education and experience dependent upon class of membership (dues range from $40 to $55). Within the Association are 30 divisions and affiliated state associations. Annual conventions are held in the fall. Journal publications are AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST (monthly), CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), JOURNAL OF ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE AND PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly); JOURNAL OF CONSULTING AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL BULLETIN (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL REVIEW (bimonthly), DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly). Also published are the EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN (monthly), convention proceedings, and position papers.

American Public Health Association, Inc., 1015 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 467-5000

The Association works to protect and promote public and personal health and acts as an accrediting agency for schools of public health. Membership is open to professionals working in public health and to persons interested in public health (dues range from $5 to $50).

Periodical publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE NATION'S HEALTH (monthly), HEALTH LABORATORIES SCIENCE (quarterly), and MEDICAL CARE (bimonthly). Handbooks, guides, monographs, and other publications are also issued. The Association meeting is conducted annually.

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, 1607 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009. (202) 483-4633

The Association, which is one of eight divisions of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, works to emphasize the social concept that conservation of human resources merits skillful services in the rehabilitation of the handicapped. Membership is for professionals, associates, and students; dues range from $11 to $22. REHABILITATION COUNSELING BULLETIN (quarterly), is published by the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association and various books, periodicals, and films are available through the American Personnel and Guidance Association. ARCA has state and local branches and participates in the APGA Annual Convention.

American Schizophrenia Association, 56 West 45th Street, Suite 805, New York, New York 10036. (212) 972-0705

By promoting research and public and professional education on schizophrenia, the Association works for the betterment of schizophrenic patients and their relations with society. Various categories of membership are available in state chapters across the country. The Association sponsors forums, conferences, and committee meetings and publishes ORTHOMOLECULAR PSYCHIATRY (quarterly) and Schizophrenia: Newsletter of the ASA (quarterly).

The American Speech and Hearing Association, 9030 Old Georgetown Rd., Washington, D. C. 20014. (301) 530-3400

The Association is a scientific and professional organization which encourages basic scientific study of the processes of individual human speech and hearing, fosters improvement of therapeutic procedures with such disorders, and stimulates the exchange and dissemination of information. Members must hold a masters degree or equivalent; dues are $50 a year. Three journals are published: the JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISORDERS (quarterly), the JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING RESEARCH (quarterly, and ASHA JOURNAL (monthly). Monographs and reports are published irregularly. Twenty-eight state associations sponsor institutes and workshops and an annual convention is held.

Association for Children With Learning Disabilities, 2200 Brownsville Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210. (412) 882-5201

The Association is designed to advance the education and general welfare of children and youth of normal or potentially normal intelligence who have learning disabilities of a perceptual, conceptual, or coordinative nature or related problems. Membership, available through the state organization, if established, or through the national organization, is open to parents and professionals. An annual conference is held as well as regional conferences. ITEMS OF INTEREST (monthly) and annual conference proceedings are published.

Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped, 1604 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. (215) 732-0100

The Association works to provide periodicals and other communicative media to evaluate problems and provide solutions, to disseminate professional information, and to stimulate an effort toward higher standards in personnel programs and facilities. Membership is available to professional workers, parents, and interested adults (dues range from $15 to $25, students, $5.00). Publications are the newsletter Fountainhead (5 times yearly) and the EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED (quarterly). Biennial conventions are held and the proceedings published.

Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York 10017. (212) 697-3150

The Association, retaining its primary interest in the development of the young child, places increasing emphasis on the coordination of services for the child from the prenatal period through the beginning of school. Planning support is provided for the design and testing of new patterns that may have wide-ranging implications for the field and support is given to projects that plan, demonstrate, or evaluate improved forms of service and to those concerned with the generation of basic knowledge of biological and social phenomena influencing the healthy development of the infant and young child. The Association sponsors colloquia and the publication of monographs and books on early child development.

Boy Scouts of America, U. S. Rt. 1 & 130, New Brunswick, N. J. 08903.

With its 470 local councils, Boy Scouts of America works to provide scouting programs for all boys, both normal and handicapped. Units for all types of handicapped boys have been established throughout the United States. Scouting affiliation is open to all boys. The national registration fee is $1; unit dues are determined by the boys themselves. Publications include numerous books, films, and pamphlets (some free). A meeting is held annually.

Child Study Association of America, 9 E. 89th St., New York, New York 10028. (212) 369-2600

Child Study is a voluntary, nonprofit national agency devoted to building family mental health and meeting community needs through educational programs and publications. Child Study educators offer a wide range of programs in the interrelated fields of Family Life Education, Parent Involvement and Community Development to the staffs of private and governmental agencies. These programs provide training in the leadership of discussion groups and enable those who work with children and parents to use their skills more effectively. The educational work of the Association is furthered by the publication of books, pamphlets and annotated booklists for parents and those who work with parents. Information about current publications of the Child Study Press available on request. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons and groups; annual dues are $15.00.

Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010. (212) 254-7410

The League is a federation of public and private child care agencies seeking to raise standards of child care. Research and surveys of community services are carried out; consultation and information are provided, including information useful for the passage of legislation; standards for child welfare services are developed; and professional literature is published. Publications include CHILD WELFARE (10 per year), CWLA President's Newsletter, and books and monographs.

Closer Look, Box 1492, Washington, D. C. 20012.

The Special Education Information Center is sponsored by The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education. Information is provided to parents and other interested persons regarding facilities in their locality serving handicapped children as well as information for students interested in careers in special education.

Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, C/O Dr. Howard M. Quigley, 5034 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20016. (202) 363-1327.

The Conference works to further the welfare of the deaf by promoting the management and operation of schools for the deaf along the broadest and most efficient lines. Membership is comprised of persons involved in schools and programs for deaf children in the United States, Canada, and Mexico (dues range from $35 to $115). AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF (6 issues yearly) is published in conjunction with The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf. The Conference meets annually.

The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, C/O Dr. Howard M. Quigley, Executive Secretary, 5034 Wisconsin Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20016. (202) 363-1327

Comprised of persons engaged in educating the deaf, the organization provides an opportunity for the interchange of views concerning methods and means of educating the deaf. Meetings occur biennially. Publications are AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF (6 issues yearly), NEWSLETTER (3 issues yearly), and convention proceedings (biennially).

The Council for Exceptional Children, 1411 South Jefferson Davis Hwy., Suite 900, Arlington, Va. 22202. (703) 521-8820

As a professional organization, CEC works to promote the adequate education of handicapped and gifted children through cooperation with educational and other organizations and individuals and through encouraging good professional relationships with various disciplines. Membership, which is organized with chapters at the local level and federations or branches at the state or provincial level, is open to special educators and other interested persons. Dues range from $15 to $21 depending upon state of residence. CEC contains the following divisions for persons interested in a particular exceptionality or aspect of special education: Association for the Gifted; Council of Administrators of Special Education; Council for Children with Communication Disorders; Division for Children with Learning Disabilities; Division on the Physically Handicapped, Hospitalized, and Homebound; Division for the Visually Handicapped; Division on Mental Retardation; and Teacher Education Division. Publications include EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (9 issues yearly), EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED (quarterly), TEACHING EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (quarterly), EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION ABSTRACTS (quarterly), books and pamphlets, and research monographs. Annual international conventions, regional conferences, and special conferences are conducted.

Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, 4201 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 609, Washington, D. C. 20008. (202) 363-5611

The Council, working to promote the best interests of deaf persons, serves as a central clearinghouse and contact point for information and combined action by national organizations serving deaf persons. Active membership is open to national organizations directly serving the hearing impaired (dues are determined by the Board of Directors). Organizations desiring to support the work of the Council can become Associate Members (dues $100.00), and individual memberships are welcomed (dues $5.00). Publications include a periodic newsletter, COUNCILings and the proceedings of the annual forum.

Council on Education of the Deaf, C/O Dr. Ben E. Hossmeyer, Executive Director-Headmaster, American School for the Deaf, 139 North Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut 06107.

Comprised of representatives from The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, The Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, and the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, the Council provides a forum for those organizations concerned primarily with the education of deaf children, so that problems and concerns might be brought under advisement and solutions sought. Two international congresses have been held. Future congresses are planned.

Epilepsy Foundation of America, 1828 L Street, N. W., Suite 406, Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 293-2930

The Foundation is a national voluntary health organization devoted to furthering better understanding of the problems of persons with epilepsy. Programs of research into causes as well as preventive techniques and treatment are sponsored. Research grants and training grants are available to individuals, and summer fellowships are offered to medical students. Assistance and counseling are provided for epileptics through the state and local organizations affiliated with the Foundation. A School Alert Program, held in conjunction with National Epilepsy Month, informs teachers about epilepsy. Publications include a monthly newletter, National Spokesman, and brochures and pamphlets on medical and social aspects of the disease. There are 102 local chapters, and an annual convention is held at National Headquarters.

Family Service Association of America, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010. (212) 674-6100

Membership includes more than 300 agencies which provide casework and family counseling services to families with parent-child, marital and mental health problems. The Association helps the agencies develop and provide family service, raise standards and develop new methods. Publications include SOCIAL CASEWORK (10 issues yearly). Conventions are held biennially.

Girl Scouts of the United States of America, 830 3rd Ave., New York, New York 10022. (212) Pl 1-6900

Working with 364 local Girl Scout Councils, the national organization is designed to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. Active membership is granted to any girl from age 7 to 17 who has the endorsement of the local council (dues are $2). Publications include HANDICAPPED GIRLS and GIRL SCOUTING as well as handbooks, pamphlets, books, and periodicals. The National Council of Girl Scouts meets every 3 years.

Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., 9200 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D. C. 20014. (301) 530-6500

The corporation is organized to provide rehabilitation services, training, employment, and opportunities for personal growth as an interim step in the rehabilitation process for the handicapped, disabled, and disadvantaged who cannot be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market. Membership is available to rehabilitation facilities and workshops at the dues rate of up to one percent of earned income. Informative pamphlets and manuals (some free) are published. The Delegate Assembly is held annually in June and the annual Conference of Executives is held in February. Autonomous Goodwill Industries number 136; there are 43 branch workshops.

Human Growth Foundation, 307 5th Ave., New York, New York 10016.

Begun in 1965 by parents and friends of children with growth problems, Human Growth, Inc., works to help the medical profession understand more about the process of human growth and development and all its deviations, such as dwarfism, gigantism, and failure to thrive. Opportunities are provided for families of children with growth disturbances to meet; financially indigent families are assisted in obtaining medical help. Membership is $5; sixteen chapters serve members in certain geographical areas. An annual national meeting is held. HGF Newsletter is a monthly publication.

Indoor Sports Club, 3445 Trumbull Street, San Diego, California 92106. (714) 223-6576

The Indoor Sports Club is a social, benevolent, and rehabilitative organization for physically disabled persons. The purposes, of the club are to provide entertainment and amusement for disabled persons and shut-ins, seek aid for needy disabled persons, provide opportunities for active participation in civic affairs, and promote a better understanding and acceptance of the seriously disabled. Ten district groups and 94 local chapters (over 3,000 members) comprise the membership. The official publication is NATIONAL HOOKUP (monthly). An annual convention is held.

Information Center-Recreation for the Handicapped, Outdoor Laboratory, Little Grassy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

The Information Center is primarily concerned with the collection and dissemination of information pertaining to recreation for all handicapped persons. Publications include ICRH Newsletter (monthly), RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED; A BIBLIOGRAPHY

(yearly), and monographs. The Training Institute for Directors and Staff of Day Camps for the Mentally Retarded is held annually under the sponsorship of ICRH.

International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency, C/O I. Ignacy Goldberg, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Individuals and national associations of scientists and clinicians working in the field of mental retardation represent more than 40 countries in the Association. Research in the field is encouraged including causes, prevention, diagnosis, evaluation, rehabilitation, therapy, education and social habilitation. International congresses, symposia, conferences, and regional seminars are organized and a triennial congress held. A bulletin is issued quarterly.

International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20015. (301) 654-5882

The purpose of the organization is to assist in the development and improvement of services of member facilities which have programs appropriate to the goals of the Facility, and which are engaged in restorative, adjustive, vocational, evaluative, training, employment, and sheltered work services to the handicapped. The Association is the result of a merger of the Association of Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., and the National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs. A quarterly newsletter, Focus on Facilities, is published.

International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped, 12, Rue Forestiere, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

The purpose of this international organization is to advance the interests of the mentally handicapped without regard to nationality, race, or creed, by bringing about cooperation between organizations representing national endeavor on their behalf. Four types of membership are available to all national organizations working primarily in the interests of the mentally handicapped. Annual dues are adjusted to the size and resources of the member society. Fifty-eight countries are represented in the League. Publications include working papers and a newsletter. Five International Congresses have been held and the General Assembly meets every 2 years.

International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled, 219 E. 44th Street, New York, New York 10017. (212) Yu6-1470

As a federation of organizations in 59 countries, the Society works to promote the rehabilitation of the disabled throughout the world. Regional conferences, seminars, workshops, and a Triennial World Congress are sponsored. Publications include INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION REVIEW (quarterly), the Papers and Reports Series, proceedings of international meetings, and related international studies.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, 1701 K Street, N. W., Suite 205 Washington, D. C. 20006. (202) 347-1731

The Foundation is engaged in a program of support of scientific research training, service and education in the field of mental retardation. It strives to determine the cause of mental retardation through research; to reduce its effects by treatment and training; to promote programs of physical fitness and vocational rehabilitation; to encourage professionals to work in this field; and to make the general public aware of efforts being made on behalf of the mentally retarded and those yet unborn. Increasingly, the Foundation has become concerned with the ethical implications of modern biological and genetic discoveries and funds several programs in medical ethics. The Foundation also sponsors Special Olympics and international sports programs for the mentally retarded. An international awards program and periodic scientific symposiums are sponsored. Printed materials and films dealing with the problems of the mentally retarded are produced and distributed.

Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1291 Taylor Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20542. (202) 882-5500

The Division offers library services, through cooperating regional libraries, to the blind and physically handicapped. Such materials as braille books, talking books, braille music, record players and cassette players are loaned out upon request. Two monthly publications, Talking Books Topics and Braille Book Review, are mailed free to blind and physically handicapped persons who use the services. The Library also offers a national reference and referral service on all aspects of blindness and other physical handicaps, working closely with organizations which have sources of information. Expansion of the library program resulted from the passage in July 1966 of Public Law 89-522 which authorized the Library of Congress to extend its books-for-the-blind program to the disabled.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. (212) Ju6-0808

The objectives of the agency are to foster scientific research into the cause and cure of muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases; to render services to patients; and to carry on a program of education among physicians, members of the paramedical professions, and the general public. Membership is voluntary with no qualifications or dues required. Publications are MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY NEWS (quarterly) and professional literature. Annual chapter conferences (350 local chapters) and periodic medical and scientific conferences are sponsored.

The National Association for Gifted Children, 8080 Springvalley Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. (513) 631-1777

The Association aids schools, parents, and communities in providing for the gifted. Membership is open to interested persons; dues are $20 and up. An annual convention is held in addition to local chapter and regional meetings. Publications are the GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY (quarterly), occasional newsletters, and special feature publications.

The National Association for Mental Health, Inc., 1800 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

The National Association for Mental Health is a coordinated citizens' voluntary organization working toward the improved care and treatment of the mentally ill and handicapped; for improved methods and services in research, prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness and handicaps, and for the promotion of mental health. Membership in the National Association is through the local chapters and/or state mental health associations. Dues are set by the local or state associations. Publications include monographs, leaflets, and the periodical MENTAL HYGIENE (quarterly). Specialty conferences are sometimes held in addition to the annual meeting in November.

National Association for Music Therapy, Inc., Box 610, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. (913) 842-1909

The Association works for the advancement of research in music therapy by establishing qualifications and standards of training for music therapists and perfecting techniques of music programing which aid medical treatment most effectively. Membership is open to professionals, interested persons, and organizations; dues range from $5 to $50. JOURNAL OF MUSIC THERAPY (quarterly), brochures, and handbooks are published. A conference and regional workshops are held annually.

National Association for Retarded Children, 2709 Ave. E East, Arlington, Texas 76011. (817) 261-4961

Working through their 1,500 state and local units, the Association helps to advance the welfare of the mentally retarded of all ages. Membership is through the local unit. An annual convention and an annual youth conference are sponsored. MENTAL RETARDATION NEWS (10 issues yearly) is the periodical publication.

The National Association of Coordinators of State Programs for the Mentally Retarded, Suite 802, Crystal City Plaza #1, 2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. (703) 920-0700

The corporation is organized for the

purpose of conducting educational and scientific activities pertinent to the field of mental retardation. It promotes mutual assistance, cooperation and research in administration of programs in mental retardation through development of data, studies, and trends in mental retardation, and encouragement of the exchange of information relating to care, treatment, institutional facilities and other relevant data in the administration of public mental retardation programs in various states. Membership is limited to state administrative personnel working with programs in the field of mental retardation. An annual conference is held with the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

National Association of the Deaf, 814 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 587-1788

Comprised of deaf persons, relatives of deaf persons, and individuals working in the area of deafness, the Association promotes educational, sociological, and economic development of the deaf. Dues are $10. A youth organization, the Junior National Association of the Deaf, is active in over 50 schools for the deaf. A biennial convention and various programs and seminars are sponsored. Periodical publications are THE DEAF AMERICAN (monthly), and NAD Newsletter, in addition to numerous pamphlets, books, and films.

National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies, 919 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006. (202) 296-3844

The Association works toward solving the problems of hearing, speech, and language handicapped individuals. Approximately 200 local chapters and member agencies assist in the improvement of both the quality and quantity of care for the communicatively handicapped. Membership is open to agencies, professionals, and interested persons; dues are $10 and up. Annual conventions are held. Periodical publications are HEARING AND SPEECH NEWS (bimonthly) and a newsletter, Washington Sounds (monthly).

National Association of Social Workers, 2 Park Ave., New York, New York 10016. (212) 686-7128

The National Association of Social Workers is an organization of professional social workers whose primary functions include professional development, professional standards of social work practice, advancement of sound social policies, and membership services. Program priorities for the '70s are combatting racism and poverty, with emphasis on projects to improve social services, health care and civil liberties. Professional issue priorities include development of social work manpower and competence, and creation of policies and standards for social service organizations and programs. NASW publishes News/Personnel Information (newspaper and employment listing) and SOCIAL WORK journal, both membership benefits, the Encyclopedia of Social Work, books and brochures on social work practice and issues, the Advocate for Human Services (Washington newsletter), and Abstracts for Social Workers (quarterly abstracts of 250 periodicals). Dues-paying membership in NASW is open to all social workers.

National Association of State Directors of Special Education, C/O Dr. Elwood Pace, Director, Div. of Special Education, State Dept. of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

The Association renders services for exceptional children and adults through the establishment of active leadership in educational facilities, planning at state and local levels, discussion forums, and consideration of current problems and issues. Membership is open to any person employed as director, supervisor, or consultant in special education by a national or state department of education. Persons employed in provinces of Canada are eligible for associate membership. Membership dues are $15. STATE LEADERSHIP is published periodically. The Association holds an annual meeting.

The National Association of Training Schools and Juvenile Agencies, C/O Windell W. Fewell, Exec. Secretary-Treasurer, 5256 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46220. (317) 257-3955

The Association works to prevent and control juvenile delinquency and crime by better understanding of the causes and needs of socially maladjusted children. Membership is open to individuals and agencies; dues range from $5 to $35. The Association cosponsors the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency and holds an annual conference. Conference proceedings are published.

National Catholic Educational Association, Special Education Dept., 4472 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108. (314) 533-3454

The NCEA Special Education Department coordinates and promotes all the educational activities of the church which relate in any way to the education, training, and care of handicapped children, youth, and adults. Areas of disabilities organized under the framework of the Department include acoustical, emotional, mental, orthopedic, and visual. Membership is open to individuals or agencies engaged in some area of Catholic special education. Dues are $15 for individuals and $50 for agencies. Publications include Special Education Newsletter (3 issues yearly), and Directory of Catholic Special Facilities & Programs in the U.S. for Handicapped Children & Adults. The Special Education Department participates in the annual NCEA Convention and arranges individual conferences.

National Council on Crime and Delinquency, NCCD Center, Paramus, New Jersey 07652. (201) 262-7300

Working on a community, statewide, and national level, the Council strives to develop effective family and criminal courts to improve probation, parole, and institutional services, and to stimulate community programs for the prevention, treatment, and control of crime and delinquency. Membership is open to interested persons; dues are $10. The Council has citizen action councils in 20 states. Three journals, CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (quarterly), JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (semiannually), CRIME AND DELINQUENCY LITERATURE (quarterly) and a newsletter, NCCD NEWS (5 issues yearly), are published. The Council cosponsors the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency.

The National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 2023 West Ogden Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60612. (312) 243-8400

The Society is a voluntary agency providing direct services for crippled children and adults; education of the public, professional workers, and parents; research into the causes and prevention of handicapping conditions and into methods of care, education, and treatment of the patients involved. Members are the affiliated State Societies. Publications are REHABILITATION LITERATURE (monthly), Easter Seal Bulletin (quarterly, free), EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN (quarterly, free to professional persons and placement service registrants), and numerous informational fliers. Research institutes, inservice training institutes, special workshops, and annual conventions are held.

National Epilepsy League, Inc., 222 N. Michigan Ave., 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 332-6888

The League is a voluntary agency which encourages research in epilepsy and provides information about epilepsy, medical resources, and employment to epileptics. The League provides epilepsy medication at low cost and works to increase public knowledge about epilepsy and to widen opportunities for education and employment of epileptics. Publications include the newsletter, Horizon, general information pamphlets, and technical publications.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes, P. O. Box 2000, White Plains, New York 10602. (914) 428-7100

The National Foundation exists to lead, direct, and unify the fight against birth defects through support of programs of research, medical service, professional and public education, and community services. Lay and professional volunteers participate in programs through more than 2,500 local chapters.

National, regional, and local meetings and symposia for professional and lay audiences are held. General interest and professional education publications are issued. Films and exhibits are available for loan.

National Health Council, Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. (212) 245-8000

The principal functions of the Council are to help member agencies work together more effectively, to identify and promote the solution of national health problems of concern to the public, and to further improve governmental and voluntary health services for the public. Membership is limited to national organizations concerned with health. Books and pamphlets concerning health and health careers are published. The National Health Forum is held annually.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 257 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010. (212) 674-4100

The Society endeavors to stimulate and support research in cause, treatment, and cure of multiple sclerosis and related disorders of the nervous system; to provide services to disabled patients and their families, and to aid in establishing MS clinics. Local groups are 200 strong. Publications include the periodicals MS Briefs, MS Keynotes, research report, patient service news, an annual report, and various pamphlets. National conventions are held in the fall.

National Paraplegia Foundation, 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 346-4779

The Foundation carries out activities in physical and mental rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation and placement, and legislation for the handicapped and allied problems of the spinal cord and column. Limited grants are made in order to inform and educate the medical profession and public on paraplegia to medical research. A monthly Bulletin and PARAPLEGIA NEWS MONTHLY are issued. Annual meetings are held.

National Rehabilitation Association, 1522 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005. (212) 659-2430

The Association works to advance rehabilitation of physically and mentally handicapped persons through public understanding, disseminating information, fostering research, encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to rehabilitation, and developing professional standards and professional training opportunities. Six professional and special interest divisions with membership subject to membership in NRA (dues range from $10 to $50) further meet the needs of members. The JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION (bimonthly), and the NRA Newsletter (bimonthly) are published, as well as a legislative newsletter. Seventy affiliated state and local chapters hold chapter conferences in addition to an annual national and eight regional conferences.

National Society for Autistic Children, 621 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206.

NSAC is an organization of parents, professionals and other interested persons working to promote programs of legislation, education, and research for mentally ill children. Through the national and chapter newsletters, the society serves as an information center for the exchange of news about behavior management techniques, research projects, legislation, schools, camps and recreational services. Dues range from $5 for individuals to $50 for patrons.

National Therapeutic Recreation Society, C/O National Recreation and Park Association, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006. (202) 223-3030

As a branch of the National Recreation and Park Association, the Society is concerned with the improvement of therapeutic recreation services and the development of the recreation profession. Members include professionals and agencies; dues range from $12 to $35. The Society participates in the annual convention of the National Recreation and Park Association and holds its own district conferences. THERAPEUTIC RECREATION (quarterly) is the journal publication.

Office of Child Development, Box 1182, Washington, D. C. 20013.

The Office of Child Development was established in 1969 to initiate and operate such programs as Head Start, Home Start and Parent and Child Centers; to coordinate the activities of all Federal agencies involved in programs for children and youth and their families; and to act, through its Children's Bureau mandate, as an advocate by coordinating services on behalf of children and their families, by bringing the needs of children to the attention of Government and the public, and serving as an innovator through planning new programs, concepts and methods which will enhance the environment in which children grow and develop. Publications are available.

Pan American Health Organization, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization, 525 23rd St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20037.

The Organization is an agency of the United Nations with membership open to all countries of the region. It acts as a coordinating authority on international health work, assists governments in strengthening health services, and furnishes appropriate technical assistance. Other functions are to establish and maintain epidemiological and statistical services; to stimulate advance work to eradicate diseases; to promote the improvement of nutrition, housing, sanitation, and other aspects of environmental hygiene; and to promote maternal and child health and welfare. Several periodicals, including WORLD HEALTH and WHO Bulletin, are published, as well as pamphlets, papers, and reports.

Porter Sargent Publisher, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

Though Porter Sargent is not an agency, the editor feels that the Sargent Handbook Series, and the Special Education Series available from this publisher, would be of value to those seeking information on special education facilities and programs. Directory for Exceptional Children contains a complete listing of over 3,000 facilities available for instruction, care, and development of the exceptional child; The Academic Underachiever provides a guide to tutorial, remedial, diagnostic, and academic resources in prep school programs and clinics; The Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools is a comprehensive reference source for summer programs, including those for exceptional children; If Your Child Is Handicapped is a collection of the experiences of 46 families confronted by serious injury, disease and congenital defects in their children; Forgotten Children: A Program for the Multihandicapped sheds light on training and treatment for the multihandicapped. A bureau is maintained to advise parents and guardians concerning schools and camps; a complete form will be sent on request to be filled in with data that will allow for pertinent and helpful suggestions.

The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, U. S. Department Of Labor, Washington, D. C. 20210. (202) 393-2420

The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped is concerned with promoting full and equal employment of all handicapped persons and encourages the removal of barriers which stand in the way of their employment. Members, appointed for 3 year terms by the chairman, are national leaders who have an interest in greater opportunities for the handicapped. Each state has a Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and nearly 1,000 cities have local committees. All are voluntary. Publications include PERFORMANCE (monthly) and booklets, pamphlets, brochures, and posters. An annual meeting is held in May of each year and ongoing promotional campaigns are conducted throughout the year.

President's Committee on Mental Retardation, Washington, D. C. 20201. (202) 963-5819

The Committee works to promote cooperation and coordination among agencies and organizations giving services in mental retardation and allied fields. It promotes awareness of mental retardation needs, surveys mental retardation programs and needs, and advises the President on needed measures. The Committee is comprised of the Secretary

of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Secretary of Labor, the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and 21 citizens. Special workshops and forums are sponsored. Publications include PCMR Message (bimonthly), an annual report to the President, special reports and public information pamphlets.

Secretary's Committee on Mental Retardation, Department of Health, Education, And Welfare, Office of the Secretary, 4513 North Building, 330 Independence Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20201.

The Committee advises the Secretary on Department-wide policies, programs, and procedures and activities; serves in an advisory capacity on inter-departmental programs and activities in mental retardation, and serves as liaison between mental retardation programs and activities carried on outside the Department and those within. Bibliographies and other publications are available to the public.

Social and Rehabilitation Service, Assistance Payments Administration, 330 C St., S. W., Rm. 4006 South Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20201. (202) 962-0404

Working as a unit within Social and Rehabilitation Service, the Assistance Payments Administration provides leadership in planning, development, and coordination of SRS programs providing for the administrative and money aspects of public assistance programs. Specific programs provide financial aid to needy handicapped persons. Public information publications are available.

Social and Rehabilitation Service, Office of Research, Demonstrations, And Training, 330 C St., S. W., Rm. 5054 South Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20201.

The Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Training is one of several offices within the Office of the Administrator, Social and Rehabilitation Service. The Office is responsible for directing and promoting a research and demonstration program to solve physical, mental, social, cultural, and economic deprivation problems and coordinating and directing all SRS intramural research. Specific programs provide assistance for vocational rehabilitation of the physically and mentally handicapped. Conferences for state and local specialists in staff development are held. Research and Demonstrations Brief is published periodically.

Social and Rehabilitation Service, Rehabilitation Services Administration, 330 C St., S. W., Rm. 3024 South Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20201.

As part of the Social and Rehabilitation Service, this unit provides leadership in the planning, development, and coordination of SRS programs providing rehabilitation and social services to physically, mentally, culturally disabled, and handicapped persons as provided for in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended, and the Social Security Act, Titles I, II, X, XIV, and XVI. Publications available include research reports, bibliographies, REHABILITATION RECORD (bimonthly), and a wide range of publications for both professionals and the general public.

United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., 66 E. 34th St., New York, New York 10016. (212) 889-6655

As a voluntary health agency, UCP works to: (a) promote research in cerebral palsy, the treatment, education, and habilitation of persons with cerebral palsy and to promote professional training programs of all types related to the problem of cerebral palsy; (b) further, by professional and public education, information concerning all aspects of the problem of cerebral palsy; (c) promote better and more adequate techniques and facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with cerebral palsy; (d) cooperate with governmental and private agencies concerned with the welfare of the handicapped; (e) promote the employment of persons with cerebral palsy; (f) solicit, collect, and otherwise raise funds and other property for above purposes and for supporting facilities for the care, treatment, and study of persons with cerebral palsy; and (g) to establish and work with local and state affiliates (over 300 currently). Conferences, workshops, and seminars are conducted. Publications include THE UCP CRUSADER (bimonthly, free) and professional literature.

U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C. 20202.

The eight major program units of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare listed here were selected because each administers several programs for the handicapped. For more detailed information about the specific programs of these and other units within HEW, consult the directory, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1968. Available for $1.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

U. S. Office of Education, Bureau of Adult, Vocational and Technical Education, 7th And D Streets, S. W., Room 5050, Washington, D. C. 20202.

The Bureau, one of seven within the Office of Education, administers grants to states for vocational, technical, and adult education programs. The Vocational Education Amendments of 1968 require that ten percent of basic grants to states be spent on programs and services for handicapped persons of all ages. Conferences are conducted and such publications as professional literature, curriculum guides, and general information brochures are made available.

U. S. Office of Education, Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, 7th And D St., S. W., Washington, D. C. 20202. (202) 962-1479

As one of five bureaus within the Office of Education, the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped serves as the principal arm of the Office of Education in administering and carrying out programs and projects relating to the education of handicapped children, including training of professional personnel, research and development, and the provision of special education services. Bulletins, pamphlets, reports, and surveys are published. The Bureau sponsors conferences of professional personnel on subjects involving the education of handicapped children.

U. S. Office of Education, Bureau of Libraries and Educational Technology, 7th And D Streets, S. W., Room 4624, Washington, D. C. 20202.

The Bureau is concerned with libraries and technology for all people. Its purpose is to establish and improve library services for physically handicapped persons who cannot read or use conventional printed materials as a result of physical disabilities. Regional libraries for the blind and handicapped are also coordinated which house such apparatus as braille books and talking book machines.

U. S. Public Health Service, Health Services and Mental Health Administration, National Institute of Mental Health, 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015. (301) 657-2944

The agency works for the promotion of mental health, the prevention of mental illnesses, and the treatment and rehabilitation of the mentally ill by conducting or supporting research programs, manpower development and training, demonstrations, and community service. Special mental health problems such as delinquency and child and family mental health are within the work of the Institute. NIMH produces scientific papers, abstract and index publications, and public information publications. Numerous conferences on topics within the wide subject of mental health are conducted.

U. S. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. (301) 656-4000

As one of the three major units of the Public Health Service, NIH works to improve the health of citizens by conducting and supporting basic clinical research, training researchers, and educating health professionals to bring research results to practice. Research activities are conducted by six disease oriented institutes: National Cancer Institute, National Heart Institute, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, National Institute of Dental Research, and National Institute of Neurological Diseases and

Stroke, and also through the National Institute of Medical Sciences and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Numerous publications are issued including periodicals, abstract and index publications, technical publications, and public information pamphlets. Meetings and conferences are conducted.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Special Education and Rehabilitation Program, P. O. Drawer P, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

The WICHE Special Education for General Educators Project is funded by the Special Education Training Branch, Bureau of Educational Personnel Development, U.S. Office of Education. It is designed to change the attitudes of regular classroom teachers who must handle the special learning needs of their students, and is a cooperative effort between WICHE and key personnel in agencies, institutions, and communities, plus the western colleges and universities. These special efforts for the general educator are being developed on local and regional bases, covering the 13 western states. Surveys and data collections, seminars and institutes, and consultation services are part of the program. Conference proceedings, curriculum guidelines, and papers dealing with training and service issues are published.